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MEMBERSHIP

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Individuals interested in joining the Division may contact the ASC Executive Director or fill out the application in this brochure and submit it along with a check for the special dues to:

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PURPOSES

The Division on Women and Crime (DWC) is a constituent unit of The American Society of Criminology (ASC). Its special purposes are:

- To bring together all members of the ASC interested in issues related to women as professionals, victims and/or offenders of the criminal justice system, and to the variable of gender in the study of crime;
- To facilitate and encourage both research and theory development about gender, women and crime;
- To promote recognition of the achievements of women as scholars in the study of criminology through the Division's annual awards program;
- To encourage appropriate and effective teaching techniques and to stimulate curricular development for courses on gender, women and crime;
- To encourage networking and interaction among academics, researchers, practitioners and policy-makers to further the understanding and resolution of problems pertaining to women as professionals, victims and offenders;
- To promote and organize conference sessions related to issues on gender, women and crime.



HISTORY

The Division on Women and Crime developed out of the growing interest in the study of gender and women as offenders, victims, and professional employees of the criminal systems.

In the early years of the ASC, individual papers on gender, women and crime were presented from time to time at the annual meetings. But the first panel session devoted solely to the subject was not formed until 1975. In that year, Freda Adler's *Sisters in Crime* and Rita Simon's *Women in Crime* had just been published and there was a burst of new interest in the subject. Some 150 persons came to hear papers at that first panel chaired by Freda Adler.

Despite this encouraging beginning, few criminologists seemed to believe that the study of women and crime was central to criminology. Some even questioned how much researchable material there was on the topic. Those who were interested in these issues and who saw gender as a major, though largely ignored, factor in the study of crime began to band together. First gathering on an informal basis, then as a special caucus, and finally as a prospective division within the ASC, members met and worked to ensure a place at all subsequent ASC meetings for papers on gender, women and crime.

By 1981 there were 48 such papers in the program; by 1983 the number of papers on women and crime had almost doubled to 92. Also by 1983 the work to attain divisional status within the ASC was completed. The Division on Women and Crime was the first division ever created within the ASC. The first formal elections were held in 1984 and Dr. P.J. Baunach became the new Division's first Chairperson.

Since that time, other divisions on International Criminology, Critical Criminology, and People of Color have also been developed. However, the Division on Women and Crime remains the largest and most active division within the ASC. Dozens of panel sessions on gender, women and crime are now routinely interspersed throughout the ASC Annual Meeting Program. In the 1990s the Division worked to support the election of the ASC's first women Presidents, and to sponsor policy proposals on decarceration of imprisoned women.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

To achieve its purposes, the Division:

- publishes a newsletter for its members,
- provides mentoring to members as requested,
- hosts a social hour and awards ceremony at the annual ASC meetings,
- works with the ASC Program Committee to schedule sessions on women and crime during the annual ASC conference,
- works with ASC Officers to promote the involvement of women on ASC committees and task groups,
- pursues issues of concern to the membership through its committees and task forces, and
- encourages all persons interested in these issues to join together in discussion and debate through its publications such as this brochure, a membership listserv, and our website (<http://web.marshall.edu/divwomncrm/>).

ORGANIZATION

Though it is a constituent unit of the ASC, the Division on Women and Crime has its own officers and committees who are elected by the Division members at the annual business meeting held during the ASC conference each November. Officers include a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary. There is an Executive Board composed of the officers, the immediate past chair and vice chair, and three Executive Counselors elected at large. Any member of the Division in good standing is eligible to hold office.

The work of the DWC is primarily accomplished through committees, both standing and ad hoc. Among the standing committees of the Division are Programs, Nominations, Outreach, Newsletter, Student Affairs, and Awards. Ad hoc committees and task forces have included a Working Group on Sexualities, Task Forces on Women in Prison and Good Practices in the Discipline, and Ad Hoc Committees on celebrating the Division's 15th Anniversary and Feminist Seminars.

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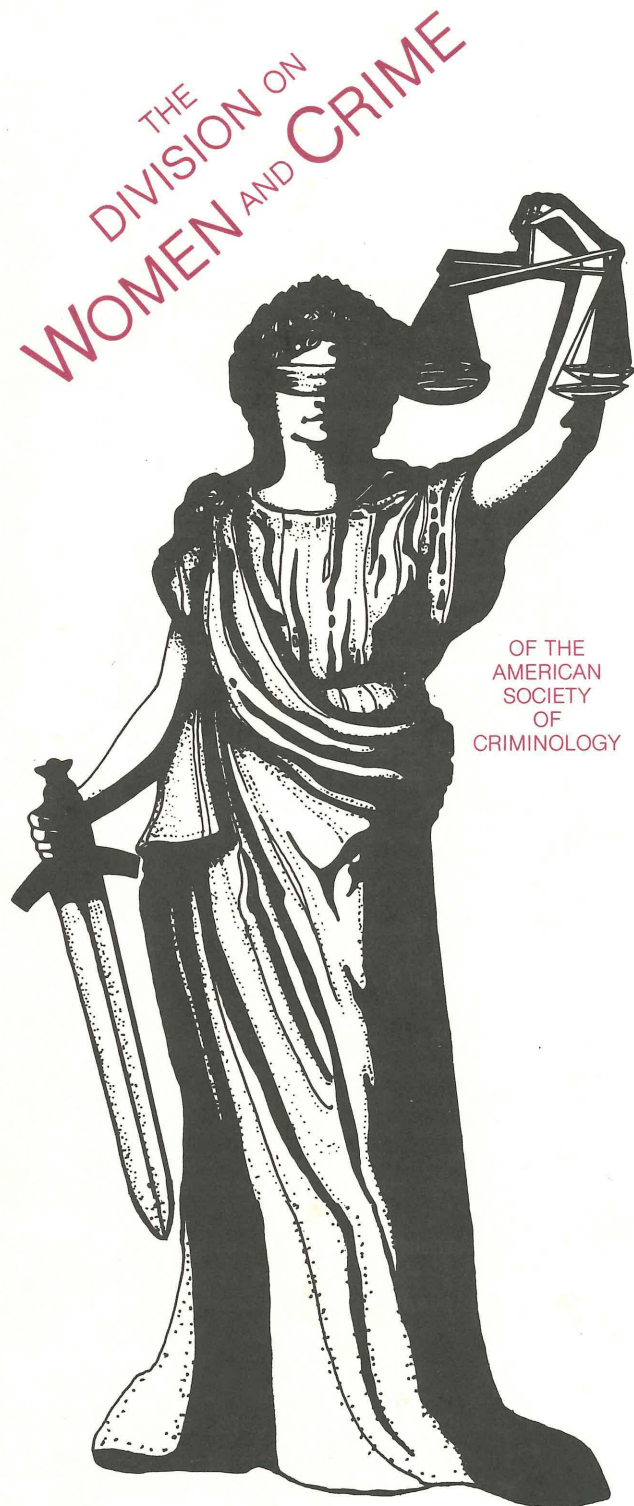
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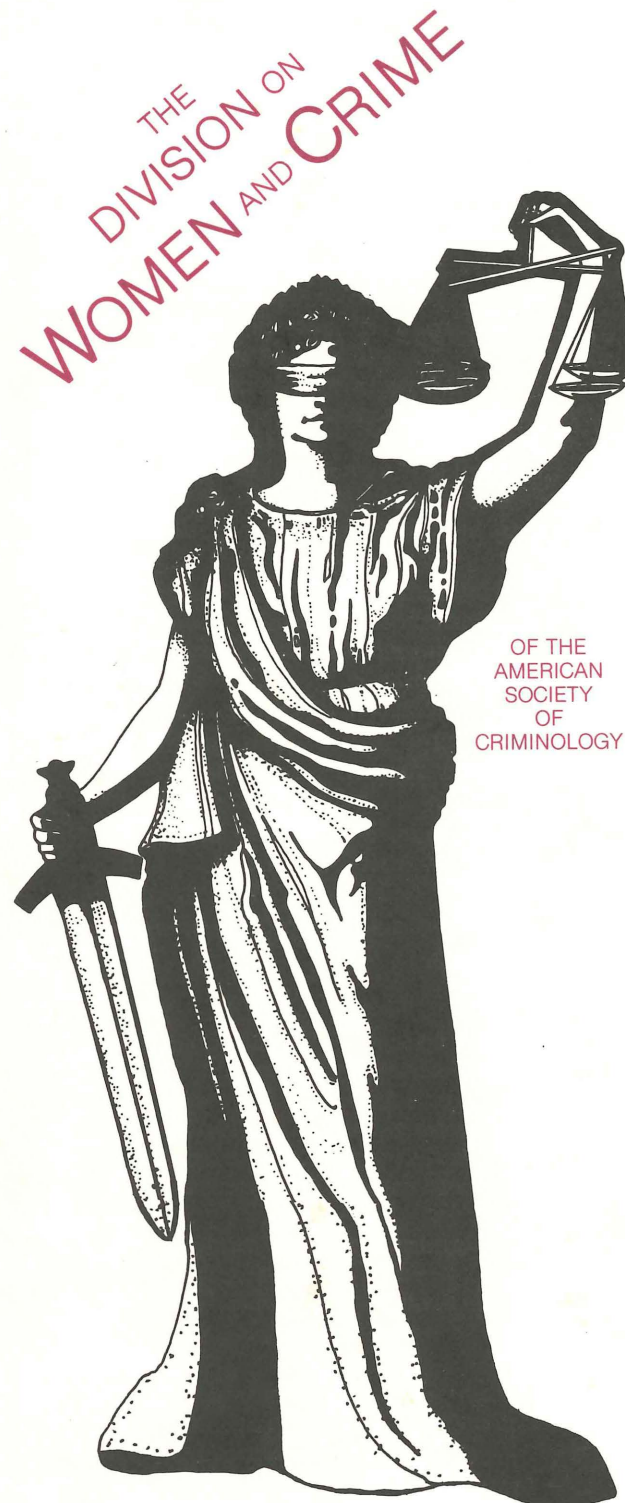
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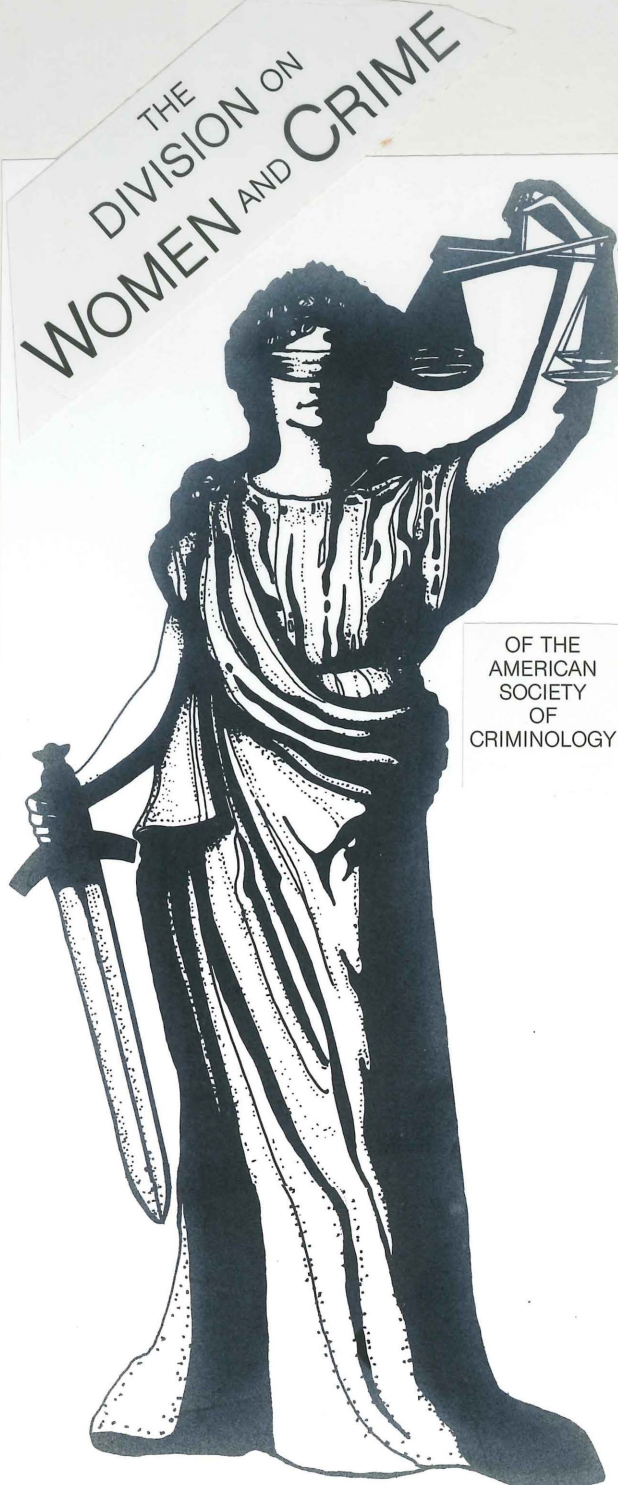
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